

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite the claims as set forth below.

Claims 1, 25, 27-30 have been amended, while claims 2-14 and 16-23 have been cancelled. No new claims have been added.

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1. (Currently Amended) A quick-connect device for connecting fluid lines comprising:
- a first connecting element that includes an annular first planar support surface, an inclined surface, and an annular receptacle space with a first sealing surface and a second sealing surface,
  - an annular sealing element that is arranged in the receptacle space and adapted to contact the first and second sealing surfaces,
  - a second connecting element that includes an annular flange that has a third sealing surface and an annular second planar support surface adapted to contact the first annular support surface, and
  - a wedge-clamping device that includes a clamping wedge adapted to contact the inclined surface of the first connecting element[.],wherein the wedge-clamping device includes two parallel clamp openings formed by wedge grooves and adapted to have the clamping wedge inserted therein;
    - wherein the clamping wedge further includes a locking device; and
    - wherein the third sealing surface is adapted to contact the annular sealing element.

2-14. (Cancelled)

15. (Previously Presented) The quick-connect device according to Claim 1, wherein the annular sealing element is an O-ring.

16-23. (Cancelled)

24. (Previously Presented) The quick-connect device according to Claim 1, wherein the clamping wedge is made from plastic.

25. (Currently Amended) The quick-connect device according to Claim [19] 1, wherein each clamping opening is associated with a clamping wedge and the two clamping wedges are connected by a crosspiece.

26. (Previously Presented) The quick-connect device according to Claim 1, further comprising a support device.

27. (Currently Amended) The quick-connect device according to Claim 25, wherein the first annular support surface includes a support device that extends from the remainder of the first annular support surface that contacts the second annular support surface.

28. (Currently Amended) A quick-connect device for connecting fluid lines comprising:  
a first connecting element that includes an annular first support surface, an inclined surface, and an annular receptacle space with a first sealing surface and a second sealing surface,

an annular sealing element that is arranged in the receptacle space and adapted to contact the first and second sealing surfaces,

a second connecting element that includes a third sealing surface and an annular second support surface adapted to contact the first annular support surface, and

a wedge-clamping device that includes two clamping wedge adapted to contact the inclined surface of the first connecting element and includes two clamp openings adapted to have the clamping wedges inserted therein.

wherein the two clamping wedges are connected by a crosspiece and lockingly engage the first connecting element.

29. (Currently Amended) A quick-connect device for connecting fluid lines comprising:  
a first connecting element that includes an annular first support surface, an inclined surface, and an annular receptacle space with a first sealing surface and a second sealing surface,

an annular sealing element that is arranged in the receptacle space and adapted to contact the first and second sealing surfaces,

a second connecting element that includes a third planar sealing surface and an annular second support surface adapted to contact the first annular support surface,

a wedge-clamping device that includes a clamping wedge adapted to contact the inclined surface of the first connecting element and lockingly engage the first connecting element, and

a support device is adapted to be located between the first and the second annular support surfaces.

30. (Currently Amended) A quick-connect device for connecting fluid lines comprising:  
a first connecting element having a receptacle space positioned about a central axis and a wedge receiving opening;

a seal disposed within the receptacle space and around the aperture;

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(cont) a second connecting element having a flange, wherein the flange has a planar sealing face opposite a wedge face, wherein the second connecting element is adapted to abut the sealing face against the seal within the receptacle, and

a wedge-clamping device that has a first connecting element face and a flange face, wherein the first connecting element face is at a non-parallel angle with respect to the flange face;

wherein the wedge-clamping device is movably positioned in the wedge receiving opening and adapted to abut the flange face against the wedge face of the second connecting element;

wherein the wedge-clamping device is adapted to abut the first connecting element face against a first defining face of the wedge receiving opening in the first connecting element;

wherein movement of the wedge within the wedge receiving opening in a first direction presses the flange face against the wedge face and presses the first connecting element face against the defining face to cause the sealing face to press against the seal[.];

wherein the wedge lockingly engages the first connecting element

31. (Previously Presented) The quick-disconnect device according to Claim 30, wherein the wedge-clamping device is adapted to move along a non-parallel direction with respect to the central axis.

32. (Previously Presented) The quick-disconnect device according to Claim 31, wherein the movement of the wedge clamping device causes the sealing face to move in a direction parallel to the central axis.

33. (Previously Presented) The quick-disconnect device according to Claim 32, further comprising:

a second defining face that defines a second face of the wedge receiving opening;

wherein the first defining face is at a non-parallel angle with respect to the second defining face.

34. (Previously Presented) The quick-disconnect device according to Claim 33, wherein the non-parallel angle between the first defining face and the second defining face is substantially the same as an angle between the first connecting element and the flange face.